



COMMUNITY NEWS

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SAFE SURFING by Eric Williams

Although I can't help you find the perfect wave, I can provide you with some tips that can help keep you and your family safe while surfing the web. It's true the Internet can be a useful tool for families allowing us to do banking, shopping and research online. Additionally, it provides access to people and places we would not be able to experience on our own. However, as the Internet grows, so does the number of people looking to take advantage of its users. Take a minute to look at this list of recommendations that can help you and your family "surf" safely.

The first thing we need to understand about the Internet is it is an unique medium. Unlike television, radio and magazines, the Internet is:

- **Interactive**-your child can interact with anyone from your home, their friend's homes, their school or a public library.
- **Accommodating**- it allows any user, anywhere, to post any information, including materials that are inaccurate, misleading and inappropriate for children.
- **Unrestricted**- it provides no restrictions in advertising to children.
- **Anonymous**- it enables its users to assume any identity they wish.

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MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER DUGGAN



Our first, and perhaps most important, operational goal is to prevent crime and disorder the primary mission of policing. Crime prevention promotes the health and welfare of a community instead of merely curing illnesses (crimes). It reduces the threat of crime on the front end and enhances the sense of security and quality of life within the community. Historically, police departments have spent an incredible amount of time, money, energy, and effort investigating crimes after they occur. Our focus in District 3 is to spend our resources on the front end, trying to prevent the crime from happening in the first place. In order to accomplish this, we must paint an accurate picture of what is happening in our community and surrounding areas. This is achieved by relying on three main sources of information:

1. **Crime data:** We utilize crime analysis data to help plot what is happening, where and when it is occurring and to identify emerging patterns and trends.
2. **Police observation:** We receive input from officers on the street who have unique and first-hand perspectives, as well as from detectives following up on cases and working with peers in other jurisdictions.
3. **Community input:** We rely on the community to provide us information and to bring forward their issues and concerns.

The first line of defense against crime and disorder begins with the community. Policing and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Neighborhood watch groups help us reduce opportunities for crime by increasing crime awareness. For information about starting a neighborhood watch in your community, please contact Carrie Abts at (480) 312-2342 or at cabts@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Sean Duggan
District 3 Commander
Scottsdale Police Department



SAFE SURFING (Continued)

Make sure your children understand these hazards and limit their exposure to potential problems by taking the following actions:

- Keep the computer in a family area to better monitor your child's activity.
- Regularly spend time online with your child to learn about his or her interests and activities.
- Teach your child to end any experience online when he or she feels uncomfortable or scared by pressing the back key, logging off, and telling a trusted adult as soon as possible.
- Accompany your child in chat rooms until he or she learns your safety rules.
- Teach your child never to give out personal information such as his or her name or address, school name or address, or anything else that is personally identifying.
- Explain that people are not always who they say they are.
- Set a rule that your child never arranges an in-person meeting without you present.
- Limit your child to specific chat rooms or consider blocking out chat entirely.
- Know who your child is e-mailing or instant messaging.
- Establish strict rules for ordering products (and then monitor credit card bills).
- Set time limits for Internet usage.
- Install a blocking or tracking program to monitor the websites and chat rooms your child frequents.
- Be suspicious if your child closes windows quickly or tries to shut down the computer as you approach.
- For more information on internet safety visit www.getnetwise.com.



SURVEY SEZ

As part of a CNN/Time Survey, students were asked the following questions regarding their Internet use. The results may surprise you:

1. Have you ever encountered people online who you suspect are pretending to be someone they're not?

YES

BOYS
57%

GIRLS
72%

2. Have you ever encountered people who want personal information like your address or phone number?

YES

BOYS
39%

GIRLS
58%

3. What do your parents know about the web sites? you visit.

A LOT = 38%

A LITTLE = 45%

NOTHING = 17%

DO YOU KNOW THE LINGO?

At the police department we have developed a series of code words and numbers to make our communication easier and recognizable to others in our profession. People who frequent chat rooms and use Instant messages have done the same. Here are just a few terms your child may be using on the Internet to disguise their conversations.

LOL

Laughing Out Loud

F2T

Free To Talk

H8

Hate

LV

Love

KFY

Kiss For You

PAW

Parents Are Watching

POS

Parents Over Shoulder

WAN2

Want to

WYGOWM

Will You Go Out With Me

26Y4U

Too Sexy For You

For more information on chat room abbreviations visit www.Netlingo.com.



KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE

by Eric Williams

Since there are number of different fraud schemes I will attempt to highlight them throughout the coming year in a **KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE** series. If you feel you or someone you know is being targeted or been a victim of a fraud scheme please contact the Scottsdale Police Department's non-emergency number (480) 312-5000.

Some Tips to Avoid Telemarketing Fraud:

It's very difficult to get your money back if you've been cheated over the phone. Before you buy anything by telephone, remember:

- Don't buy from an unfamiliar company.
- Always ask for and wait until you receive written material about any offer or charity.
- Always research any company with whom you do business with.
- Obtain and verify a salesperson's name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before you transact business.
- Before you give money to a charity or make an investment, find out what percentage of the money is paid in commissions and what percentage actually goes to the charity or investment.
- Before you send money, ask yourself a simple question: "What guarantee do I really have that this solicitor will use my money in the manner we agreed upon?"
- You must not be asked to pay in advance for services. Pay for services only after they are delivered.
- Some con artists will send a messenger to your home to pick up money, claiming it is part of their service to you. In reality, they are taking your money without leaving any trace of who they are or where they can be reached.
- Always take your time when making a decision. Legitimate companies won't pressure you to make a snap decision.
- Don't pay for a "free prize." If a caller tells you the payment is for taxes, he or she is violating federal law.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FBR Open

January 31st – February 6th
Scottsdale TPC

Pima Road traffic safety enforcement detail:

Entire month of February

Fast Facts



2004 Year-end crime statistics for District 3

Entire city north of Cactus Road
Population over 90,000 residents

Burglary from vehicle	651
Auto theft	375
Residential burglary	249
Commercial burglary	222
Criminal trespass	023
Robbery	016
Sexual assault	004



THE SCOTTSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO BECOME SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER, PLEASE CONTACT OFFICER GREG CARLIN AT (480) 312- 5384 OR AT gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov